



Public Notice

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Comments Due: November 27, 2000

In reply, please refer to the Public Notice Number

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

SUBJECT: Application for a Department of the Army permit under authority of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act to construct three boat docks in the Georgiana Slough, as shown in the attached drawings.

APPLICANT: Mark and Jan Kaprielian
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LOCATION: The location of the proposed docks is along the west bank of Georgiana Slough, at Assessor's Parcel Numbers 157-0100-081, 157-0100-082, and 157-0100-083, within Township 4 North, Range 4 East, Sacramento County, California.

PURPOSE: To construct recreational boat docks.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to construct a private recreational boat dock on each of three contiguous parcels (three docks total) and to trench across the levee crown at each location for the placement of 2-inch utility conduits to accommodate individual power and water service. Typical dock configuration includes construction of a concrete deadman and access stairs on the levee slope, installation of four 12 inch steel piles to anchor the dock, placement of 4-foot wide 45-foot long gangway with railings to access the 60x6 foot dock. (Exception: At APN 157-0100-183 a 50-foot dock is proposed.) The dock and landing design will include a system of winches and cables to allow retraction toward the levee when necessary.

AREA DESCRIPTION: The proposed project site is located on Andrus Island south of the City of Isleton along a bend in Georgiana Slough. There is a levee maintenance road along the slough and the vegetation on the waterward side of the levee consist of annual grasses, shrub, and mature willows and mulberries. This waterway also accommodates barge traffic used in levee repair.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: An archeological survey was conducted on the proposed project site, as part of the Sacramento County Initial Study for the 1990 Parcel Map project (90-PMR-0726), and no archeological resources were identified. Based on the available information no eligible or potentially eligible cultural resources would be affected by this work.

The following endangered fish species and their critical habitat may be present in the permit area, Delta smelt (Hypomeses transpacificus), Sacramento Splittail (Pogonichthys macrolepidotus), Sacramento River winter run chinook salmon (Oncorhynchus tshawytscha), Central Valley spring run chinook salmon (Oncorhynchus tshawytscha) and Central Valley steelhead (Oncorhynchus mykiss). Since this project may affect these species or their critical habitat, consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has been initiated by the Corps as required by the Endangered Species Act.

The District Engineer has made this determination based on information provided by the applicant and on the Corps' preliminary investigation.

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments on or before **November 27, 2000**. Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

If additional information is required, please contact the applicant's authorized agent, Gilbert Labrie, of DCC Engineering Co., Inc., at (916) 776-2277 or William Guthrie at the letterhead address, telephone (916) 557-5269 .

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Enclosures: 9 Drawing(s)